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Churchmen protest nude Newark bar

NEWARK—The Newark-North Jersey Committee of Black Churchmen is continuing its protest against the opening of Internationally Hot, a juice bar featuring nude dancers, on South Street in Newark. The proposed membership club featuring nude dancers is located less than 200 feet from South Street School and around the corner from Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Spokesman for the group, the Rev. Dr. Donald Durham says, "this is a community and we want to keep it that way." The club was closed by Newark officials in mid March. A hearing by the Newark Board of Adjustment will be held on Wednesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. in City Hall. The churchmen are appealing for public support to keep the bar closed.

Crump to sponsor conference on violence

NEWARK—City Councilwoman Mildred Crump and the W.I.S.E. Women's Center at Essex County College will sponsor a free one day conference entitled "Violence Against Women: A Way of Life or Death." Scheduled for Friday, October 20 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. the conference will focus on how violence affects the family, particularly how it impacts the lives of children and women of all ages.

Crump, an outspoken advocate of women's issues, said she devised the conference as a way of addressing the problem of domestic violence in a broad manner that can reach people of various socio-economic and professional backgrounds. "I want to forge partnerships with community groups, foundations, businesses and leaders who will be committed to supporting the issue of domestic violence," the councilwoman said.

Conference speakers will include State Senator, Wynona Lipman, Newark District Judge Allison Jones, Dr. LaFrancis Rodgers-Rose, Founder and president of the International Black Women's Congress, Dr. Patricia Connors, Executive dir. of the Youth Development Clinic, Newark City

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Gov. Whitman launches Prosperity Commission

TRENTON—Gov. Christine Whitman has announced the appointment of the 27-member Prosperity New Jersey Commission, a panel which will be charged with the responsibility of developing and implementing recommendations to promote New Jersey in the area of national and international economics.

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NOT GUILTY! Local reactions to Simpson verdict



by Sandra Wright

"Yes, yes, thank you, thank you God! He is free, He is free." Those were just a few of the statements that were expressed by anxious supporters of O.J. Simpson when the "not guilty" verdict was reported to the court on Tuesday, October 3. All across the nation, people had their say about the so-called "trial of the century."

There were those who were absolutely vexed by the verdict and believed that justice was not served. However, there are those (Simpson supporters, family and friends) who are ecstatic over the results and just want to get on with life.

During a press conference, after the verdict was handed down, the Simpson family expressed their gratitude to all who stood with them over the past year and thanked God for bringing them through this ordeal.

In a prepared statement read by Son Jason, Simpson stated, "I believe that this part of this incredible ordeal that began on June 12 1994 was my first obligation is to my children who will be raised the way Nicole and I had planned. My second obligation is to my family and friends who never wavered in their support. But when things are settled a bit I will pursue, as my primary goal in life, the killer or killers who slaughtered Nicole and Mr. Goldman."

They are out there somewhere and whatever it takes to identify them I will bring them in somehow. I can only hope that someday, every prejudicial thing that has been said about me, both in and out of the courtroom, people will come to understand that I did not, would not and could not have committed this crime," Simpson vowed in the statement.

Simpson lead lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr. stated that the team was very grateful for the verdict and the verdict speaks justice. "We never wavered in our faith; we were always optimistic and that optimism proved right," Cochran went on to praise each member of the "dream team" for his work and dedication to the case.

However, there was one member of the defense team who did not share Cochran's feelings on the case or fellow lawyers. Attorney Robert Shapiro, in an interview with ABC's Barbara Walters stated that he was not happy with the way the case was tried and the issue of race should not have been used.

Shapiro stated, "The race card should not have been dealt, and not only did we deal the race card, we dealt it from the bottom of the deck!"

He further stated that Cochran believes that everything in America is based on race and it is not. When Walters asked if he would work with Cochran again, Shapiro strongly noted "I will not work with Johnnie Cochran again, I will not speak to F. Lee Bailey again, but I will work with Barry Schick."

When asked about using race and not stating facts, Cochran explained to reporters his initial strategy to plant "reasonable doubt" in the juror's heads even before the topic of gloves and socks were brought to light.

"In the opening part of my argument there were strategies we devised, Lee Bailey and I, that if we could shatter the prosecution's timeline that O.J. Simpson could not have committed this crime, then there would be a reasonable doubt."

"That's before we got to the sock, glove—anything else. So these pundits who make those statements they

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Rehabbed housing complex marks community rebirth

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James, Berkeley Heights Mayor Jeanne Visco, City Council President Donald Bradley, municipal officials, local business persons and South Ward residents applauded the revitalization of the ward's Elizabeth Avenue corridor at recent ceremonies marking the opening of an \$8 million, 81-unit housing complex across from Weequahic Park.

The two-story, brick to brick complex at 1 Grumman and 2 Kear Avenues, stood vacant for 10 years prior to being purchased by Albert and Albert Development Company of Fort Lee, who converted the five story brick buildings into 81 one, two and three bedroom apartments.

A ribbon cutting followed the formal program presided over by Mayor Sharpe James in Weequahic Park across from the buildings, known as Weequahic Park III.

The Mayor, who is a resident of

the South Ward said, "The reopening of these handsome buildings marks another milestone in a partnership between the city of Newark and developers like the Alberts, who are working to restore the Elizabeth Avenue neighborhood to its former grandeur."

"This area was once one of Newark's premier addresses where residents could easily avail themselves of the beauty and splendor of Weequahic Park, its golf course and recreation facilities and be at nearby Newark Airport in less than five minutes."

Even today, Elizabeth Avenue remains a wonderful location with easy accessibility to major interstate highways, the airport and downtown Newark," James added.

Mayor James also acknowledged Berkeley Heights Mayor Jeanne Visco for the allocation of \$512,000 to the Weequahic Park project under the Regional Con-

struction Agreement.

"I share in the pride of Newark and of this particular street. We have been conducting regional development projects in the City of Newark for the past four years, and I am pleased and proud to be invited and included in this ceremony," said Mayor Visco.

"The Alberts have a positive track record in this city and the quality of their work can be seen in this building. I hope that they will continue to be involved in the revitalization of the South Ward, as well as the entire city of Newark," he said.

City Council President Donald Bradley, who represents the South Ward on the governing body, said, "these buildings had stood as an eyesore in the community for the past 12 years, but now they are stabilizing the Weequahic Park neighborhood, and

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(l to r) Seymour Albert of Albert & Albert, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Berkeley Heights, Mayor Jeanne Visco, Councilman Donald Bradley and Rev. Torrell cut the ribbon for the rehab Gruman/Kear buildings.
Photo by William Rance

EO officials discuss budget cuts with federal reps

EAST ORANGE—East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper recently met with representatives from seven federal agencies, department directors, the President of East Orange General Hospital and a representative from the East Orange Board of Education to discuss the federal budget.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the impact of Congressional budget cuts on New Jersey and, in particular, East Orange residents. Prior to the East Orange meeting, agency officials met with Mayor Wargacki

of Wallington and Mayor Pasarell of Paterson.

The federal agency cited the extreme economic hidden and social costs that would be placed on the working class and poor. In a prepared statement, the officials said, "The President and Congress want to balance the budget. However, the Congressional timetable of seven years, along with a number of misplaced priorities, would lead to economic hardship for American families. The President's proposal balances the

budget and protects the interests of middle class and poor Americans by spreading the economic burden out over 10 years."

Mayor Cooper said, "It is extremely important that federal representatives understand what will happen to the people that are part of the very fabric of this country, especially the working class people in cities like East Orange."

The Mayor added, that some of the basic programs in East Orange

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Impact of proposed FY '96 cuts on NJ

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| Public Housing Modernization | \$39,863,600 |
| Public Housing Operating Subsidy | \$20,925,500 |
| Public Housing Drug Elimination | \$10,900,850 |
| Section 8 | \$47,000,000 |
| McKinney Homeless Programs | \$1,360,000 |
| Housing Opportunities for people with AIDS | \$10,312,000 |
| Total | \$142,989,950 |

Impact of proposed FY '96 cuts on EO

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| Public Housing Modernization | \$341,000 |
| Public Housing Operating Subsidy | \$154,500 |
| Public Housing Drug Elimination | \$226,000 |
| Section 8 | \$1,800,000 |
| Total | \$2,521,500 |

Pope John Paul II visits New Jersey



Pope John Paul II waves to the crowd of onlookers as he descends the plane at Newark International Airport.
Photo by Jeff Sargason

by thousands of school children and hundreds of dignitaries.

Among those in welcome of the Pope were President Clinton, Governor Christine Whitman, and a host of

Catholic Church leaders. Amidst rain showers, the Pontiff delivered a brief speech to the throngs of spectators, calling upon the United States to take a greater role in establishing democracy worldwide.

"Exactly 30 years ago today, my predecessor, Pope John Paul VI, spoke to the United Nations General Assembly and delivered a message that still resounds in many hearts. 'No more war, no never again!'" the pope said. "...I, too come as a pilgrim of peace and understanding among peoples."

President Clinton greeted the Pontiff warmly, and noted that it was appropriate that this visit was made on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the champion of the sacred heart amidst a tremendous standing ovation.

The Pope was treated to a four-hour tour of Newark where he ended the day with a visit to Newark's majestic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart amidst a tremendous standing ovation.

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Union County gets HUD supportive housing grant

ELIZABETH—Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that the County will receive Federal funding in the amount of \$547,882 from the Supportive Housing Program administered by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The County's proposal for "Housing SUCCESS" (Housing Services Unified by County-wide Collaboration to Ensure Stability and Self-sufficiency) is designed to aid in finding permanent housing for homeless persons with disabilities.

"As Congress continues to make the tough decisions regarding the nation's spending priorities in order to reach a balanced budget, we must continue to provide a safety net for those people who are truly in need of government assistance," said Con-

gressman Bob Franks, whose district includes many of the municipalities in Union County.

"This \$547,882 grant to Union County's Supportive Housing Program will lend a helping hand to individuals, who through no fault of their own, find themselves without a home. This program not only provides shelter to homeless people suffering from AIDS and mental illness, it offers other support services that will help these individuals live the most independent and productive lives possible."

The County's application was submitted in partnership with Bridgeway House, Inc. and the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, Inc.—two project housing providers which key multi-sector, community-based organiza-

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PEOPLE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

NEWARK—Reserve your seats for the Million Man March bus trip to Washington (\$35 round trip). For more info call 201-643-7711.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

WAYNE—SEED project and seminar for teachers at William Paterson College at 4:30 p.m. For more info call 201-595-2436.

ELIZABETH

Financial aid workshop at Union County College at 3 p.m. For more info call 908-965-6061.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

CRANFORD—Financial aid workshop at Union County College at 6 p.m. For more info call 908-708-7141.

BEGINNING OCTOBER 12

HACKENSACK—Career Exploration For Women workshop each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Bergen County Technical Schools. For more info call 201-343-6000, ext. 3345.

JERSEY CITY

Developmentally Appropriate Practices with Children courses at Hudson County Community College at 7 p.m. For more info call 201-714-2107.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

PLAINFIELD—Financial aid workshop at Union County College at 5:30 p.m. For more info call 908-412-3571.

W. LONG BRANCH

Modern Dance program at Monmouth University at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-571-3483.

OCTOBER 13, 20

TRENTON—Star parties from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the State Museum. For more info call 609-232-4308.

CRANFORD

Word Perfect Computer course at Union County College. For more info call 908-708-7600.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

JERSEY CITY—Treating Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Through Group Counseling and "The Disease of Addiction: The Swiss" cultural courses at 609-695-7000.

Jersey City State College from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 201-300-3089.

BEGINNING OCTOBER 14

JERSEY CITY—Law School Admission Test preparatory course at Jersey City State College from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3089.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

NEWARK—Prayer luncheon in support of Million Man March in the Newark City Hall Atrium sponsored by Councilwoman Mildred Grump. For more information call Grump's office at 201-733-5870.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

JERSEY CITY—"The Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment" course for licensed professionals in health related fields and education at Jersey City State College. For more info call 201-200-3157.

BEGINNING OCTOBER 19

NEW YORK—"Jazzmatazz" circus at Lincoln Center. For ticket info and times call 212-268-0065.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

NEWARK—"Lo Mio es Mio" play (What's Mine is Mine) at The Newark Public Library at 2 p.m. For more info call 201-733-7772.

FLEMINGTON

Fourth annual all-party, all-American show & sale at St. Magdalen's Catholic Church. For more info call 908-782-9631.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

EAST ORANGE—"Where is GOD in the ghetto?" program at East Orange High School at 4:15 p.m. For more info call 201-673-2193.

SOUTH ORANGE

Career Day at Seton Hall University from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call 201-761-9355.

OCTOBER 25-27

ATLANTIC CITY—"Workshop '95 Sharing the Vision," featuring Morton Dean and Dr. Ernest Boyer at the Atlantic City Convention Center. For more info call 609-695-7000.

Dr. LaMar named dean of arts and science at JCSC



Dr. Ansley LaMar

JERSEY CITY—Dr. Ansley LaMar of Newark, a social psychologist and educator, has been appointed dean of arts and sciences of Jersey City State College (JCSC). Dr. LaMar,

who had been acting dean since July 1994, has served in various faculty and administrative capacities at the College since 1971. He was appointed dean of JCSC's School of Arts and Sciences by the College's Board of Trustees after an extensive national search. As dean, Dr. LaMar will be responsible for the development, administration, and quality of academic programs in JCSC's School of Arts and Sciences. He has designed and conducted research on race relations, altruistic behavior, criminal sentencing, the attitudes of deaf African Americans, and enhancing self-esteem. LaMar holds a Ph.D. in social psychology from the Graduate School and University Center of City University of New York; a B.A. from Hunter College where he majored in psychology and minored in sociology; and an A.A.S. from Bronx Community College where he studied electrical technology and liberal arts.

Athletics administrator wins regional honor

BLOOMFIELD—Sheila Wooten, Assistant Director of Athletics at Bloomfield College, was recently selected Regional Female Athletics Administrator of the Year by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Wooten was nominated for the award after being named Female Athletics Administrator of the Year by the athletic directors of the Central Atlantic College Conference. Wooten and other regional award winners were honored at the NAIA-ADA Awards Luncheon in Salt Lake City, Utah on September 25. Wooten said she was proud to be honored by the NAIA, but added that the daily interaction with students is her real reward. "As a graduate of Bloomfield College, this is a way for me to give something back to the institution," Wooten said. "I love my job. I enjoy working with Bloomfield College students, giving them the kind of guid-



Sheila Wooten

ance that I received here. I put in long hours, but it's worth it." Wooten, is entering her fifth year as Assistant Director of Athletics. She graduated from Bloomfield College in 1985,

Newark recognizes Brazilian Independence Day

NEWARK—At a recent Newark City Hall ceremony for "Brazilian Independence Day," Deputy Mayor Ramona Santiago and Councilman At-Large Luis Quintana presented a proclamation and a council resolution to Cecilia Velucci, president of the Brazilian American Association of New Jersey, L.R. Santiago Quintana; Velucci; Carmen Mosca, executive secretary to Councilman Quintana; Miguel Collozo, Essex County Hispanic Liaison, and Luigi Campana, director of Newark Water and Sewer Utilities.

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National News at a glance

'FRIENDS OF BLACK PRESS' HONOR LEAVELL

Dorothy Leavell, newly elected president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), celebrated being in her office at a National Press Club reception held for her during the 1995 Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference. A Chicago-based publisher, Leavell was congratulated by numerous members of Congress, the White House press corps and former NNPA presidents John Stangorak of the *Chicago Daily Defender*, Carlton Goodlett of the *San Francisco Sun-Reporter* and Garth Reeves of the *Miami Times*. The event was sponsored by "The Friends of the Black Press."

—WASHINGTON, DC

DRUG CZAR DENOUNCES GINGRICH DRUG PLAN

White House Drug Czar Lee Brown recently denounced a proposal by House Speaker Newt Gingrich to execute drug smugglers as another "simplistic solution to a complex problem with no potential for real impact." Brown, an African-American, said Gingrich "will say and do anything except implement and fund the president's comprehensive anti-drug strategy." Brown's statement was made in response to Gingrich's proposal to legalize drugs or use draconian measures. The Czar said the Speaker should instead assure full funding of the Safe and Drug Free Schools program, which reaches 10 million children in 94 percent of the nation's school districts.

—WASHINGTON, DC

SOUTH AFRICA TO HAVE SINGLE NATIONAL ANTHEM

South Africa will soon have a single national anthem. This is one of the main developments to emerge from the meeting held last month in Johannesburg by the National Executive Committee of the ruling African National Congress (ANC). Ever since the formation of the country's ANC-led government of national unity after last year's election, South Africa has used two national anthems on all formal occasions: "Nkosi Sikelele Afrika" and "die Stem," the old anthem under the former apartheid regime. The ANC Executive Committee has now decided that "Nkosi Sikelele Afrika" should be the country's national anthem under the final constitution. It was also agreed that there could be four versions, one each for the four major language groupings of English, Afrikaans, Nguni and Sotho.

—JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

BLACK ENTERTAINERS IN THE MONEY

According to *Forbes* magazine's listing of the 40 highest paid entertainers in 1994, only three black individuals and one group were in the hunt. Oprah Winfrey was No. 2 on the list with \$146 million in earnings, behind Steven Spielberg's \$285 million. Michael Jackson was No. 8 on the list with \$67 million. The others were Bill Cosby (No. 12) with \$49 million, and Boyz II Men at \$31 million. —WASHINGTON, DC

RACIAL DISPARITIES IN DRUG SENTENCING

The National Bar Association, comprised of leading black lawyers in America, has joined in an amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, which challenges the arbitrary enforcement of cocaine laws. Says the NBA: "The cocaine base laws have had the most racially discriminatory impact of any federal laws since the end of de jure segregation. They are almost exclusively responsible for the statistically significant differences between blacks and whites in federal sentences." The NBA is strongly opposed to the 100-to-1 sentencing disparity between "crack" cocaine, which is more prevalent in black communities, as opposed to the lenient sentences for powdered cocaine, the drug of choice for most Caucasians. —WASHINGTON, DC

The O.J. Simpson case and the education of white America

by Todd Burroughs

WASHINGTON, DC—The season premiere of the 21st season of NBC-TV's *Saturday Night Live* opened with a parody of Johnnie Cochran, O.J. Simpson's lead defense lawyer and Black America's new hero. By watching the skit, in which Cochran yelled, "This is an outrage!" every three sentences during his closing statement to the Simpson jury, with the other members of Simpson's "dream team" of lawyers wearing African clothing, it was clear to the whites who write *Saturday Night Live* that O.J. was guilty.

"This case is not about evidence!" shouted the parodied Cochran. "It's about a racist cop, Mark Fuhrman," he said, going on and on. He disparaged each who accused him of using "the race card," complaining the prosecution used something far worse—"the evidence card." The predominantly white studio and television audience *Saturday Night Live* usually draws aging, laughing at the skit.

When the predominantly black jury recently acquitted O.J. Simpson of the charges of the murder of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, the collective smirk was knocked off white America's face. In an instant, "the Trial of the Century" ceased to be an exciting diversion for Middle America. What it turned out to be instead was an education for white Americans on what their country is really like.

Television—the official sponsor of O.J. Simpson trial mania—showed crowds of mostly jubilant blacks and studious and mostly saddened whites. The Simpson case has divided the country by race, white analysts announced and white news-

paper headline writers wrote over and over again—as if the nation wasn't already racially divided.

Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti wrongly said the jury's decision was based on "emotion," not reason. While television commentators asked their highly paid and mostly white legal experts—most of whom had guessed wrong on the verdict—if the judicial system needed fixing, the trial's lead prosecutor, Marcia Clark, implored her staff not to "lose faith" in the American judicial system—one that many blacks feel, for of 5, worked.

Simpson's defense attorney Robert L. Shapiro, who said earlier in the trial that race was not going to be a factor in the case, told ABC-TV's Barbara Walters on the night of the verdict that he was "deeply offended" by Cochran's Hitler-Fuhrman comparison during Cochran's closing statement.

"Race plays a part in everything," said Cochran at the post-verdict press conference.

Said Shapiro in the Walters interview later: "He believes that everything in America is related to race. I do not."

Shapiro and Cochran, partners of the same team, are not alone in their

views. They are shared by millions of Americans.

What is not shared, however, is the belief among whites that the police have a deserved reputation of being racist liars who can and do frame and abuse black people regularly.

"The seemingly fictional character the defense had created—the racist and corrupt cop out of a very bad novel—had turned out to be real," wrote Richard Cohen, a white *Washington Post* Op-Ed columnist. "Blacks always knew he was there. Blacks think someone like him is always there."

Sylvester Monroe, a Los Angeles correspondent for *Time* magazine, said on ABC-TV's *Nightline* on the night of the verdict he saw a "great opportunity" for the color line to be crossed. The verdict, he said, gives whites a chance "to understand now where African-Americans have been" in terms of feeling betrayed by the American justice system.

Monroe assumes 1) whites really care about how blacks perceive America and its judicial system, and 2) thus informed, whites would alter their opinions and their perceptions. His remarks showcase an optimism about 1995 America not

shared by many blacks.

Jack E. White, a black reporter for *Time*, recently wrote that "...[M]ost of us continue to view race relations as a zero-sum game in which every gain for blacks is a loss for whites and vice-versa. It is up to the white majority, I'm afraid, to take the first step in breaking this cycle, because only they have the power to do it."

Will the aftermath of the Simpson verdict educate white America on why blacks and whites view the case so

differently? Will this then enlightened white populace now feel compelled to change the structural inequities—especially now, with so many whites feeling betrayed by both Simpson and the American judicial system?

On these questions, the American public—dubbed the "11th juror" in the O.J. case—seem not to be deliberating.

Todd Burroughs is a nationally distributed media columnist for the black press.

Prosperity commission

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The creation of the Commission was recommended by the New Jersey Economic Master Plan Commission as an ongoing public-private partnership to foster, promote and strengthen economic activity.

According to an executive order issued by the governor, Prosperity New Jersey shall create, develop, refine and implement strategic plans to continually move New Jersey to the forefront of the national and international economies by fostering, promoting and improving economic ac-

tivity, job creation and the overall business climate in New Jersey.

The order also stated that the commission shall meet on a quarterly basis and establish an executive committee and various private/public partnerships which will meet bimonthly, or more often, if needed, to conduct their business and execute their respective missions. Commissioner of the State Department of Commerce, Gaubert Medina is among the 27 individuals appointed to the commission.

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Housing grant

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tions that are experienced in providing essential services to the County's disabled, homeless population.

"We are grateful to have been selected," remarked Freeholder Chairman Linda DiGiorgio. "Our application was but one of thirteen funded in the state out of forty-seven new projects that were submitted from New Jersey."

"This project will increase our permanent supportive housing by eight units and 25 beds," explained County Manager Ann Baran. "It will also expand Union County's existing supportive services in our continuum of care model for homeless residents. These are long term, community-based housing units which will be combined with the needed support services."

Some of the anticipated client goals the county's Housing SUCCESS project include maintaining a 75 percent permanent housing clientele for at least one year; to increase skills and/or income for 70 percent of the participants; linking 100 percent of the target group to appropriate community resources; and, helping 65 percent to achieve greater self-determination through stability and self-sufficiency.

The program's target is to enable homeless participants to live in residences comparable to that of others who are not homeless. Once the condition of being homeless is dealt with, successful participants will have less difficulty reentering the community at large.

For registration and further information please contact Kim Gaddy at 201-733-5871/5870.

Pope John Paul

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Pope John Paul II, dressed in a glowing white cassock, and addressing the 1,800 invited guests called for a strengthened United States during the hour-long prayer service. "The history of the world in the last 50 years cannot be written without reference to the United Nations," he said. "It is not still needed, to watch and warn often when conflict and injustice threaten the tranquility of order."

The service ended shortly after 7 p.m. and the Pope was whisked away by helicopter and a motorcade to the Vatican's residence in Manhattan.

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EDITORIAL

A silver lining

It is amazing that we are witnessing the type of racism spewing forth as a result of the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial. It would appear that most white people, some blacks and practically all the media believe that this majority-black jury was not capable of rendering a valid verdict. While to many, the evidence of reasonable doubt had presented itself long before the end of this trial, no matter how much circumstantial evidence was submitted by the prosecution, it still did not outweigh the questions that the prosecution could not answer.

However, given the verdict, and given the reaction, there is a silver lining. This trial has served to bring out the more insidious problems within our society. With a guilty verdict, all would have been right with the world. At least according to the mainstream media. As for blacks, the sentencing of an innocent black man would not be considered new. O.J.'s not guilty verdict has raised a number of issues including cameras in the courtroom, sequestered jurors, ability to afford adequate defense, etc. all of which obscure the real issue—race.

No issue, however, is so glaring as the *law* that supposedly brings about the order in the Justice System. If this trial didn't do another thing, it spoke directly to the need for severe scrutiny of the law enforcement system particularly as it relates to its handling of black people. It also points to the need for civilian review boards who monitor closely the individuals who are sworn to protect all society including black people.



by Connie Woodruff

At long last the grueling trial of O.J. Simpson is over.

It is not unexpected there are many differences of opinion as to his guilt or innocence. A jury of his so-called "peers" judged by a jury of his so-called "peers" rather than innocent of the charges.

Very simply, the Prosecution did not prove its case "beyond a shadow of a doubt." Indeed, had I been a member of that jury I would have reached the same conclusion. As a mere television spectator, the prosecution's presentation raised doubts in my mind on more than one occasion.

I do not believe for one minute the predominantly black female jury reached their decision because he was a black male. O.J. had the best defense money could buy and they ably represented him.

Had he been a poor slob from the inner city, he would not have been able to afford the battery of high profile lawyers, forensic experts and would not have had the media coverage that made the case sensational. It had all the elements of a soap

opera. Racism, domestic violence, rogue cops and two young white victims of a suspected angry black man. This is the stuff movies are made of and books that become best sellers.

There is no doubt media blew this case up bigger than life. Reporters, commentators, etc. played heavily on white anger and black frustration; and the prosecution and defense resolved to win at any cost.

One thing is for sure, this case has brought the big old issue of racism as a lingering problem in America. Clearly a majority of whites believe Simpson killed his wife and father-in-law and a majority of blacks believe his innocence.

More than that, African Americans do not believe there was a concerted effort to look for another suspect—although Simpson and his wife were divorced and she was free to have other admirers and live a lifestyle that may have brought a wide different set of circumstances into her life.

But who are we to say? O.J. Simpson was not your average black man. He lived with a foot in two camps and he lived in a way few of us

can imagine. He made *Foray*, lived like the Lord of the Manor where life was exhilarating, exciting and expensive. He could buy respect, fame and love until trouble came his way and he was suddenly confronted with being a black man at the hands of a racist American authority.

But we have our own struggle with racism in New Jersey.

A year ago Gov. Whitman acknowledged the problem and established a state-supported program to meet its end. Nothing much has happened since then, except for a few well publicized gatherings to discuss the issue.

The most recent get-together was criticized for its format and participants. The complaint was the alleged absence of a credible number of "grassroots" representatives from New Jersey cities where poverty and unemployment are developing pockets of anger and unrest; where police and community clash with regularity.

Leadership begins at the top, and no matter how capable the top is, we need the governor to speak out on the issue of race relations more often. Citizens victimized by racism in em-

ployment, housing and the like, need to know that something is being done to improve race relations from Bergen to Cape May.

African Americans know something is drastically wrong when it costs more to live in the inner city than in suburbia. We know something is terribly wrong when we pay more for insurance and food. When we have to wait longer for buses and have difficulty getting taxicab and where we're not safe in our homes or in the street.

It is not only the governor who should take leadership in this matter but African American societies, fraternities, women's clubs, the NAACP, Urban League, 100 Black Men and Women and politicians who need to take their heads out of the sand and understand too many of us are still denied the American dream.

There was a time when O.J. Simpson thought he had it made, but in the end he discovered the only folks who believed in him, except for a very few close (white) friends, were the young and old brothers and sisters he put aside many years ago. As someone said once ago, sooner or later you gotta go home.

We need to revise our election process

Dear editor:

After reading the article in which John Mavilla, former member of the Board of Education, and a host of other school personnel in the system were indicted for voter fraud in the 1992 Board of Education election, I felt very sad. Certainly, not for Mr. Mavilla and those who used and abused their positions to corrupt a process so dear to every American. They got exactly what they deserved.

I felt great sadness for Maritza Torres-Pala who was cheated out of an opportunity to serve in a capacity for which she was qualified and committed. Her efforts to vindicate herself were a waste of time and money. I am sorry to those who perpetuated this criminal act and was viewed as "sour grapes" by many others. I charge every politician who supported this man to come to Maritza and apologize.

But the greatest sadness of all is for the children of this city who have been denied a quality education because "control" of the system meant more to commitment to the system. It is no secret that I have long been an adversary of the recently ousted Newark Board of Education. The question remains that if they "stole" the 1992 election, how many others did they steal in order to prevent decent, caring candidates from winning?

I have always stated that the Board of Education elections are just as important as the Municipal elections because they were about children. They look to us to provide for their future and we failed them. Everytime we pass a street corner we see children smilingly asking about children who have been turned off by the system instead of being turned on by the system.

This is not a letter to say "I told you so." It is also a warning that we need to make decisions to elect persons who are unbiased, unbiased, and 100 percent uncorrupted.

Mildred C. Crump
Councilwoman at Large

As a Postscript, I would like to thank Dr. Beverly Hall for accomplishing in two months what the Board of Education was not able to accomplish in years. That is giving our children clean schools I believe more good is yet to come.

'CityVote' the answer to our voting process

by Steve Cobble

WASHINGTON, DC—Thirty years after Watts, and three years after Rodney King uprising, America has no national urban policy. This is not only irresponsible and immoral, it is foolish. We cannot remain a great nation if our cities are in decline.

Urban policy has essentially been abandoned. As more and more voters move to the suburbs, the Washington politicians have focused less and less attention on urban America. The only significant public housing program in the country is to build jails—half of all public housing built in the U.S. in the last decade. NAFTA and GATT, coupled with corporate downsizing and government cuts, have left Wall Street profits up, jobs moving out, urban industries abandoned, and family wages down.

Recent bipartisan attacks on welfare, public school funding, Medicare and Medicaid, have had the effect of demonizing the poor, making poverty a crime. This is a mistake, politically, because our cities are still the backbone of the progressive vote.

If urban residents stay home on election day, our side cannot win.

More importantly, it is a mistake in policy. As Joe Louis said, "You can run, but you can't hide." There is no easy escape from the problems afflicting our cities, soon enough, they become the problems afflicting our suburbs and small towns.

In recent years, the only times that cities have made it onto the national political agenda have been: (1) Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 campaigns; and (2) urban riots. This year, there is another way—CityVote. By voting in CityVote, we have a chance to put urban policy on the agenda. CityVote is the brainchild of former Mayor Larry Agran of Irvine, CA, who was distressed at the lack of attention given our great cities during presidential campaigns.

Agran decided part of the problem was that New Hampshire had too much influence over the nomination process. He came up with the idea of holding an advisory vote for president on November 7, 1995 three months before the New Hampshire primary, in cities all across the country, in conjunction with their regularly scheduled municipal elections.

In short, a national urban policy primary—a chance to let cities speak on urban issues. If you live in one of the CityVote cities, you can vote on November 7th. By supporting Jesse Jackson at the polls, you will be voting for a national urban policy. Current CityVote cities are: Newark, NJ; Rochester, NY; Greenburgh, NY; Minneapolis, MN; St. Paul, MN; Fayette, MO; Pasadena, CA; Tucson, AZ; Boulder, CO; Tacoma, WA; Spokane, WA; Olympia, WA; Wenatchee, WA; Tumwater, WA; Lacey, WA; Moscow, ID; Couer d'Alene, ID. Three other cities are seriously considering joining: Boston, MA; Lowell, MA; Burlington, VT.

Taken together, these cities have a population of at least 2.5 million

people, over twice the population of New Hampshire. Although they are not the cities I would choose for a national urban primary—they are not the biggest cities, and only about one-third of their residents are people of color, for example—but they do have a good representation from medium-sized cities that normally support Democrats (which New Hampshire rarely does).

For additional information on CityVote, you can contact the CityVote office, at 714-552-9596, or call the National Rainbow Coalition at 202-728-1180.

And if you live in one of the CityVote cities, please volunteer to help, and please vote on November 7th. Together, we can keep hope alive by putting urban policy, reinvestment and reclaiming our youth on the front burner of the American political agenda.

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PASTOR'S WORD

Verdict leaves nation polarized by race

by Rev. Reginald Jackson & Sanford Wheeler

For almost a half this nation has been mesmerized with the case of The People vs. O.J. Simpson. On Monday, October 2, less than four hours—the jury decided on—what it took eight months to present to them. Their verdict of "not guilty" has left the nation polarized by race, increased calls for reform of the judicial system and raised not only in Los Angeles, but across the nation, questions about police conduct and credibility.

What is most interesting, to all, is that many would make this trial the barometer by which race relations, the judicial system and police conduct should be measured. What shot memories we have. There are other cases in this nation's and state's recent history which demonstrate that the Simpson case is really nothing new.

First, let us look at the matter of racial polarization. How could we forget the Rodney King case, also in Los Angeles? Most, not all whites

claim the evidence in the Simpson case proving his guilt was overwhelming. What is true is that most of the whites is that they did not find the evidence in the King case overwhelming even though there was a video showing the brutal beating for the world to see.

No evidence in the Simpson case was so overwhelming. Why was there no outcry from many whites in the initial King case as there is in the Simpson case? Additionally, why the charge that the jury reached its verdict based on race because ten of the jurors were minorities and not make the same charge in the initial King case, when the police officers were acquitted by an all white jury?

Second, let us look at calls for reform of the judicial system. As a result of the Simpson case some are calling for the judicial system to be changed so that jury verdicts do not have to be unanimous, that reasonable doubt be redefined and that the burden of proof be shifted from the

prosecution to the defense. Again it is ironic that no one raised a question about whether a jury of 12 whites was a fair jury, either "change of venue" to a town where many current or retired police officers lived.

Or, to use another case, isn't it ironic that no many complained about three young, white men convicted of raping a handicapped woman in Glen Ridge, were allowed to remain free pending appeal. Would they have remained on appeal if they were black and convicted?

Third, the matter of police conduct. The nation saw in the Rodney King case that police can, and do break the law and there are some racist cops. But we have also seen on tape where minority police officers break the law. Police, whether white or minorities, break the law and also practice racism. They may be a small number, but they exist.

Mark Furman is not an aberration or unusual. Far too often, police misconduct is overlooked or tolerat-

ed. Blacks in particular, no matter what standing, have sufficient reason to be leery of police. Look at the cases of Earl Givens, Jr., Blair Underwood, or Judge Claude Coleman, all distinguished citizens, but mistreated by police because they were black citizens. Now, O.J. Simpson can be added to the list.

Furman jumped over Simpson's fence, entered his vehicle and went over his property without subpoenas of probable cause and "found" the gloves, sock and blood in the Bronco. A racist cop finds all of this without subpoenas or probable cause. Surely, that must raise some questions?

Despite all the furor, the Simpson case and verdict was not an aberration or unusual. He may in fact be guilty, we may never know. But what we do know is that good, bad or indifferent, our judicial system worked its will. And, we found out again, what we always have known, that justice is not blind and that it scales don't balance.

Were we wrong all along?

by Michael Blackmon

Ever since any of us can remember, we have been telling our children that the only way "up and out" was to do well in school, study hard and get that all-important college degree. It was the way to attain worth, to have dignity, to "be somebody." Mainly, it was the way to earn money. Lots of money.

For generations of parents whose income never got out of four digits, the money earned by college graduates seemed like a dream. It was a dream that we shared with our children and grandchildren. Many were the tears cried when a child failed to make it into those hallowed halls, or, having made it, couldn't stay for the degree.

The parents would smile bravely as little Jane or Michael "settled" for life as a carpenter, housekeeper or manual laborer. Time has marched on, and our children have taken our urgings to heart. We are starting to see results. More and more black chil-

dren are winding up with that sheepskin. They are graduating with degrees in engineering, the sciences, arts, mathematics.

And living at home. More and more college graduates are finding that, though they played the game well and did everything "right," they now that they have graduated, the rules have changed. Nobody wants them.

There are jobs out there, but suddenly they are "overqualified." Or they can get work if they want it, but they will have to move 3,000 miles, take a substantially less starting salary than they were expecting.

Just after the Civil War, there was a great debate between W.E.B. DuBois, who championed higher education as the only way out, and Booker T. Washington, who talked of "dropping down your pants" where you are.

DuBois won. But after all this time, was he right? Graduates of technical and trade schools are finding work, but not in the areas of service and support industries. And they are making decent salaries. Maybe we need to modify the message we send to our children slightly. Excel, yes. Go as far as your gifts will take you. But be aware that all honest work brings dignity and worth. And, by the way, money.

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Seven-year-old-soloist to perform at Bethel Presbyterian Church

PLAINFIELD—Seven-year-old Sharrietta Dobbins of New York will be the guest soloist during the October 15 11 a.m. Sunday Worship service at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Plainfield. Dobbins will bring her gospel singing ability to the congregation in what church officials have described as a "musical treat."

Rev. Newbold, senior minister at Bethel said that the service should be of a special interest to young children.



Gospel singer Sharrietta Dobbins

dren, "given the age of our soloist, her appearance at Bethel serves the message that talent can be developed at a very early age." Rev. Newbold stated.

Rutgers offers enrichment for children and parents

PISCATAWAY—A Saturday enrichment program for exceptionally bright children and their parents will begin on Oct. 21 at Rutgers University Piscataway campus.

Small groups of children aged 3 1/2 through kindergarten will participate in activities that encourage independent and creative thinking during the eight-week program to be held in the Psychology Building on Rutgers' Busch campus in Piscataway.

Sessions will be conducted by doctoral students in school psychology at Rutgers' Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP).

The children will be guided in working cooperatively with peers through different activities and topics scheduled each week while groups for parents will be conducted at the same time. Sessions will run for 90

minutes each, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The parents group will focus on becoming advocates for their children while dealing with school districts, approaches to discipline and learning to identify helpful resources.

Children evaluated through the GSAPP clinic may be eligible for the program. Those identified through other agencies may also be admitted upon submission of a recommendation report from the evaluator. Evaluation must be completed by Friday, Oct. 13.

Tuition for the program is \$220, and a sliding fee scale is available. Children of full-time Rutgers students may attend free of charge. Additional information is available by calling 908-445-6114 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. Enrollment is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Newark begins ninth year of after school program

NEWARK—The Newark Public Schools' Office of Physical Education and Extracurricular Activities, along with the City of Newark's Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, will open the After-School Youth Development Program for the

1995-96 school year on Wednesday, October 11. The program began in 1986 with three sites. Currently, 26 sites operate across the city.

The After-School Youth Development Program operates weekdays from 3-6 p.m., for elementary stu-

dents and from 6-9 p.m. for high school students. Students receive tutorial, recreation, cultural enhancement and self-development assistance from two teachers and two recreational aides who monitor each site. Other activities which are available include scout troops, sports or debate teams, music, dance or drama clubs, sewing, arts and crafts.

After-School program locations are: Abington Avenue, Alexander Street, Ann Street, Avon Avenue, Camden Street, George Washington Carver Chancery Avenue, Chancellor Annex, Roberto Clemente, Cleveland, Dayton Street, Elliott Street and Dr. E. Alma Flagg, Hawkins Street, Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., Lafayette Street, Lincoln, Madison, Luis Munoz Marin Middle, McKinley, Miller Street, Oliver Street, Peshine Avenue, Louise A. Spencer, Quittman Street and Thirteenth Avenue. The services offered are free of charge and are open to all Newark students. For more information, contact Elanardo Webster at 201-733-7344.

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Student Environmental group sponsors community river cleanup

NEWARK—The Student Conservation Association (SCA) and The New Jersey Community Water Watch is sponsoring a community river cleanup of Newark's Riverbank Park along the Passaic River.

Scheduled for 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 14 "the purpose of the river cleanup is not only to beautify one of Newark's most visible parks, but also to make the community aware that they play an important part in the revitalization of Newark," according to Janet White,

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office.

"Each citizen has to come to realize that every piece of paper tossed on the ground and every container thrown from a car becomes part of the problem," stated White.

The cleanup is designed to prepare organizers for the fifth annual National River Cleanup Week, which will run from May 11 to 18, of 1996. Citizens who are concerned with conservation and the environment are encouraged to volunteer in the effort to clean up Newark's water ways. To



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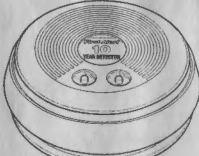
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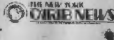
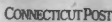
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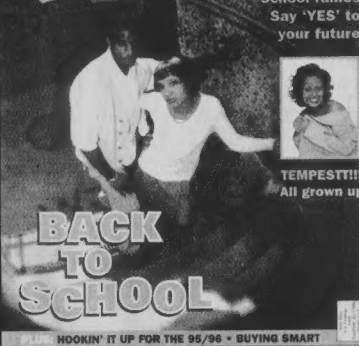


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haven't tried cases, they don't know what they are talking about. This was a case based upon the evidence, that's all we were saying, there was a reasonable doubt. And when you see a case that takes nine months and the jury takes this period of time (to reach such a verdict) they have gone to what we have said. If you look at that timeline O.J. Simpson could not, did not, would not have committed this crime and I think that becomes very clear," Cochran reiterated.

When asked how the prior 24 hours to the verdict was for the family, Simpson's sister Carmaleta stated, "we were very hopeful but on an emotional roller coaster. When one would break down the others would come together and lift them up and so on. We were just all there for each other."

"I was always in prayer, I knew that my son was innocent and I had the support of so many people all over the world," stated Simpson's mother. "I knew that they who are the righteous availed much and I believed in that and that is why I kept the faith and I had confidence in his representatives," she said.

Sister Shirley Baker stated, "when you know that someone is innocent you are able to hold your head up high and that's the one thing our family has tried to do during this whole trial; is to carry ourselves with great dignity and to let the justice system do what it had to do."

With a huge smile on her face Baker concluded, "For so many months you've been asking me how do I feel and I can say I just feel like standing on top of this table and dancing a jig."

Amidst the Simpson family's joy and relief, there were those who were highly disappointed with the verdict and felt that justice was not done.

Prosecutor Marcia Clarke extended thanks to the Brown and Goldman families for their support throughout the trial and begged young lawyers not to let the verdict change their careers. "Please don't let this deter you from doing a job that you all are so well qualified to do. You are wonderful, you can make a go at it and I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

On the other note Cochran had a few suggestions for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to use when investigating future cases. "I hope that the coroner's office will get their stuff together, citizens of LA County should demand that. I hope that the LAPD lab will do what's necessary to get up to speed, we deserve better. I hope the investigators will do a better job in future cases and abide by the state laws. The state law says 'call the coroner immediately,' call the coroner immediately, don't wait 10 hours."

LAPD district attorney, Gil Garcetti, during the prosecution's press conference stated that the trial was fought for all the victims of domestic violence and that he hopes the verdict does not deter victims from seeking help.

"We are all extremely disappointed with the verdict...it is clear to me

and to the other members of the prosecution team that this was an emotional trial and apparently their decision was based on emotions that overcame the reason."

Not everyone shared Garcetti's feelings. Restaurateur Elma Anderson of Plainfield was "very pleased" with the outcome of the case. "I think it's just about time for a black person to get some justice in this country, the verdict was very fair."

One homeowner in Vauxhall NJ,

and an avid trial viewer, Martin Angus, "The verdict may open a lot of eyes to the judicial system and let us all realize that we cannot target one particular set of people. (When investigating a crime) you have to look on the complete picture, and Mr. Garcetti made the mistake of targeting O.J. a couple of days after the murders instead of looking for other suspects," Angus stated. "The jury wasn't convinced, there was a reasonable doubt and they had to let him go. The judicial system does work, not only for

whites," he concluded.

Another Simpson supporter, a black man who wished to remain anonymous remarked, "Mark Fuhrman is a racist and the world knows that he is a racist. He framed a lot of people in the past and did the same to O.J. and will do it again. The entire LAPD is racist, and there are a lot of Mark Fuhrmans in this country wearing guns and badges and violating people's rights."

The workers of one Deli in Plainfield who wished to remain anonymous stated that they didn't think O.J. was guilty, but was targeted because he was black and Nicole was white. "He didn't do it," one woman stated.

Denouncing domestic violence, Jacqueline Wynter a resident of Newark stated, "I am happy for him. I do not condone the beatings that he gave his wife, but I also don't think he killed her. I am happy that he was acquitted."

Verdict

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equally for the poor and minorities.

In a word, justice is not always just. And democracy is not perfect. Yet, before we temper with our system, we need not push reform, but act with caution.

Finally, despite our differences over the verdict, let all of us join in prayer for the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, and especially for two young children who find themselves in the middle of a mess and who must grow up with troubling questions to which they—like many of us—may never find sure answers.

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Community rebirth

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The two buildings are linked by a common courtyard and basement, which contains on-site laundry facilities, according to Albert. There will be security cameras at each building and two grand entrances. There are 38 units in the Gruman building and 43 in Keer.

Budget cuts

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that will be negatively impacted by budget cuts are housing, economic development projects, block grants to community-based organizations and jobs and job training.

Cooper stated that in addition, health preventative programs are lacking, especially in cities, emergency services at city hospitals are often used for non-emergencies, and inner-city people, especially children continue to be underserved.



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Snipes and Harrelson star in Money Train



Wesley Snipes (r) and Woody Harrelson team up again in the explosive action adventure Money Train.

HOLLYWOOD, CA—Wesley and Woody are back. The explosive combination returns, this time as New York City Transit cops in the high speed action adventure *Money Train*, produced by Jon Peters and directed by Joseph Ruben. Foster brothers, they share a life-long dream of robbing the money train that collects millions of dollars each night from NYC subway stations.

Only two things stand in their way, they're cops and Donald Patterson (Robert Blake), the hard-assed MTA chief, in their boss, they're his trains,

it's his money. Loaded with millions of dollars in collected fares, the Money Train makes its long journey through the tunnels of New York City. With its state-of-the-art security system and fleet of armored guards to protect it, the Money Train has never been robbed... until now. Newcomer Jennifer Lopez stars as the beautiful transit cop whom both John and Charlie fall hard for.

"I envisioned Woody and Wesley in *Money Train* from the beginning," says producer Jon Peters. "I can't imagine anyone else in the roles, so there

could be no substitutions. I'm thrilled to have them starring in this movie." "Woody is my compadre," says Wesley Snipes with a smile. "He's a good friend and a hell of a chess partner."

"Woody and Wesley are a terrific pair," says director Joe Ruben, who lets the camera roll to capture the spontaneity of his two stars. "There's an unspoken understanding with them. The lines just roll effortlessly off their tongues in take after take."

Producer Neil Canon adds: "They know each other so well that they're

able to joke easily with one another whether the camera's rolling or not. They have this competition going to see who can trip the other one up."

Playing their tough-as-nails boss, Patterson is Robert Blake. Perhaps best known for his role as TV's Baretta, the street-wise, big-hearted New York City cop, Blake brings his trademark intensity and energy to the role. "Robert has a quality about him that makes you focus on him," says Canon. "You can't take your eyes off of him when he's on screen." Catch the *Money Train* this fall.

Andre Harrell named president and CEO of Motown Records

NEW YORK—Andre Harrell has been appointed president and chief executive officer, Motown Records, effective immediately, according to Alvin Levy, president and CEO, PolyGram.

Harrell succeeds Jheri Busby, former president and CEO of Motown since 1988. In his new post, Harrell, 35, will oversee all aspects of Motown's music operations, including A&R and creative artist development, sales and promotion, marketing and publishing for the company's Motown, MoJazz, Tabu, Mad Sounds, and Biv Ten labels. Harrell will also be in command of Motown's other business interests including television, film and video production, animation and multimedia.

According to Levy, "Andre is a very talented and driven executive whose hands are on the pulse of today's African-American artist. He has all the skills and intellect to lead Motown into the next millennium. I'm sure that under his leadership, Motown's music will cross all borders around the globe, just as it has over the past 30 years."

The proof of Harrell's abilities lie in his achievements to make Uptown Entertainment a factor in the music industry, with the success of Soul for Real, Teddy Riley, Jodeci, Heavy D, Mary J. Blige, Guy and A.B. Sure.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of my career has been my ability to identify and develop talented individuals whose careers have blossomed in the music industry. With great pride, I pass the realm to Andre Harrell. Nine short years ago, I gave him his first opportunity with Uptown Records. Andre has all the skills, instinct and creativity to guide Motown into Chapter 3. I offer him my continued support and help," said Jheri Busby.

Of his appointment, Harrell said, "Motown is the most famous music company of all time and I am honored to be a part of the music industry's rare cultural treasure and of the Motown legacy that Berry Gordy, Jr. established. I look forward to continuing in the Motown style of developing entertainment that captures a contemporary urban lifestyle, to reestablishing



Andre Harrell new president & CEO of Motown Records

some of the great Motown traditions like soul music and black glamour and to further defining Motown as one of the premier entertainment companies of the '30's.

Harrell further stated that he greatly appreciated MCA's cooperation in allowing him to fulfill a life-time dream of running Motown. "While it's difficult to leave Uptown, I am excited about the prospects of my new position at Motown and I leave knowing Uptown is in excellent hands at MCA."

Prior to joining Motown, Harrell served as president and CEO of New York City-based Uptown Entertainment, a company he founded in 1986. Over the past 10 years, he has established himself as one of the most successful African-American businessmen in the entertainment industry with an unparalleled ability to find and develop new musical talent and nurture young African-American music executives of tomorrow.

A Bronx, New York native, Harrell began his career in the entertainment industry as an artist, at the age of 15. In 1977, he partnered with a high school friend, Alonzo Brown, to form the successful rap duo, Dr.

Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. The twosome made their mark with succès as *Genie*, *Rap*, *Fast Life*, and *AM/PM*.

Despite his success as a rapper, Harrell continued to pursue his education and majored in communications and business management at Lehman College. He dropped out after three years to take a full-time job selling insurance in WINS radio in New York City, but continued to rap on weekends. In 1983, Harrell joined Russell Simmons' Rush Communications as vice president and general manager. During his two years at Rush, Harrell played an integral role in launching the careers of RUN-DMC, LL Cool J and Whodunnit. In 1986, MCA Records offered Harrell his own record label and Uptown was born.

Citing Harrell's vision, MCA, in 1992, signed him to an all-encompassing multimedia deal to find, sign and develop black talent for recording, motion pictures and television projects. On the motion picture side, Harrell served as producer and music supervisor for *Strictly Business*. Harrell is also responsible for creating the critically acclaimed New York Undercover television series. Serving as co-executive producer of the hour-long weekly drama series,

Cori-Ella's Cafe on the Green offers live entertainment

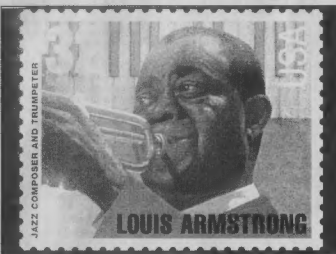
PLAINFIELD—Last week *City News* published a list of musical performances scheduled for appearance at Plainfield's Cori-Ella's Cafe on the Green. This week's list concludes the musical appearances for this month. Cori-Ella's provides catering needs for meetings, weddings/receptions, birthday parties, office parties, fund-raisers, and other functions. The management of Cori-Ella's is also seeking performing, cultural, visual artists and poets for an arts program currently being created for the Plainfield area youth.

Live musical performances will be provided on the following days:

Thursday, Oct. 12
Live Jazz & R&B,
8:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 13
Live R&B,
8:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14
Teen Night,
8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 18
Open Mic,
8 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 19
Live Jazz & R&B,
8:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 20
Live R&B,
8:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 25
Open Mic, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 26
Live Jazz & R&B,
8:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.
For reservations call Cori-Ella's at 908-755-9882.

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Postal Service issues new Satchmo stamp



The Louis Armstrong commemoration stamp

by Andre Wortly

The next time you visit your local post office to mail a letter, ask for the new Louis Armstrong postage stamp. The 32-cent commemorative stamp, first issued on September 1 in the trumpeter's hometown of New Orleans, is now available nationwide. The Armstrong stamp launched the Postal Service's month-long American Music Stamp Festival.

Known to his fans as Satchmo (short for "Satchel Mouth"), Louis Armstrong was an influential musician who became famous as a singer with his trademark gravelly voice and white handkerchief.

While many people remember him as a joyous clowning entertainer best known for songs like *Mack the Knife* and *Hello Dolly*, Armstrong was also a serious composer.

His brilliant trumpet solos and improvisations on his early recordings with his Hot Five and Hot Seven ensembles are considered jazz classics. Always an innovator, Armstrong made scat singing popu-

lar in the 1920s. He played with the bands of Joe "King" Oliver and Fletcher Henderson.

During the 1930s Armstrong became a bandleader and his popularity grew with cameo appearances in dozens of films.

He was one of the first blacks to star on Broadway, in Hollywood, and on television.

Well liked by people of all races, his following grew so large that he toured the globe as goodwill ambassador for American music.

While his showmanship captured the hearts of millions, Armstrong's genius profoundly changed American music.

As part of the American Music Stamp Festival, the Armstrong stamp is the first in a series of new stamp designs featuring 10 famous jazz musicians. The set includes: Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Thelonious Monk, Charles Mingus, Coleman Hawkins, Errol Garner, James P. Johnson, Eubie Blake, and Jelly Roll Morton.

These stamps are now available at your local post office.

The Discovery Channel premieres Jackie O



NEW YORK—Elegant, sophisticated, intriguing and private are all characteristics associated with Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, one of the most prominent and legendary figures of the twentieth century. On Thursday, October 26, from 10 to 11 p.m. (ET/PT, check local listings), Discovery Channel will air the U.S. television premiere of *Jackie O*, airing in the network's world television premiere anthology *Time Traveler*. Through interviews with a rich variety of intimate friends and relatives and footage from home movies and archival film, *Jackie O* does not merely chronicle the life of the former First Lady, but more significantly it explores the highs and lows of her special relationship with the public and evaluates her status as an icon of society.

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Cooking For The Gods...on exhibit at The Newark Museum

NEWARK—Cooking for the Gods: The Art of Home Ritual in Bengal focuses on Hindu ritual activity that expresses the private relationship between the worshiper and the gods in the eastern Indian region known as Bengal. On Sunday, October 22, the exhibition will open at The Newark Museum, marking the culmination of a ten-year process of assembling and researching its important collection of South Asian art.

The exhibition will showcase the art used in these home rituals, featuring a range of household objects from cutting knives to exquisitely carved shrines. An actual home shrine will be recreated, incorporating the thirty brass vessels and painted pottery used to present food for the gods' delight.

Over seventy-five objects selected from the large collection donated to The Newark Museum by Dr. David R. Nalin and his family will be installed in the Asian Galleries, third floor, North Wing through June 30, 1996. A Bengali Express Family Festival will celebrate the opening of the exhibit from 1 to 4 p.m.

BILLBOARD

THRU OCTOBER 15
ELIZABETH—"End of Summer" at the Elizabeth Playhouse. For more info call 908-355-0077.

THRU OCTOBER 22
NEW BRUNSWICK—"The Mousetrap" at the George Street Playhouse. For more info call 908-246-7717.

THRU OCTOBER 28
NEW YORK—"Talanse" a musical at the Workshop Theatre at 8 p.m. For more info call 212-431-9220.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
NEW YORK—Rockers TV 16th Annual Reggae Jam, featuring Shabba Rankin, in Kameo and more at 5 O.D.'s at 8 p.m. For more info call 212-243-4940.

ELIZABETH—"The Latin Jazz Connection" at Union County College. For more info call 908-709-7183.

VCR ALERT—Gore Vidal's "Ogoe Vidal" airs at 9 p.m. on A&E. Check your local listings for channel.

MONTCLAIR—"A Few Good Men" opens at Montclair State University. For more info call 201-655-5112.

OCTOBER 12 - 29
NEWARK—"The Daughters of Lee R. Jones" at the African Globe Theatre/Works at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-624-1584.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
WAYNE—"United Nations Salute" musicals at William Paterson College at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-595-2371.

NEW YORK—CD 101.9 at her party at S.O.B.'s. Call 212-243-4940.

OCTOBER 13, 14
BROOKLYN—"Alternative Jazz: The Next Wave" concert at BAM Carey Playhouse. For more info call 718-636-4111.

NEW YORK—Maceo Parker, live, at Irving Plaza. For more info call 212-777-6800.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
MADISON—"The Disputed Island: Shakespeare's The Tempest Today" at Fairleigh Dickinson University at 9:30 a.m. For more info call 201-593-8714.

UNION—"A Dance For You" ballet dance at Kean College at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-527-2337.

MADISON—1995 Vocal Competition Winners at Fairleigh Dickinson University at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-593-8714.

OCTOBER 14 THRU NOVEMBER 12
NEW BRUNSWICK—"The Piano Lesson" at Crossroads Theatre. For more info call 908-248-5560.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
VCR ALERT—"Heroes Hispanos" airs on A&E Television Network at 9 p.m. Check your local listings.

HOBOKEN—"Hoboken Art and Music Festival" on Washington St. For more info call 201-420-2207.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16
NEW YORK—Wynton Marsalis and his Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra at Alice Tully Hall. Call 212-553-7400.

N. BRANCH—Jazz concert at Ramapo Valley Community College at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-725-3420.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17
NEW YORK—Virginia Hamilton shares her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales and True Tales at Toule's Restaurant with host Susan Taylor. For more info call 212-255-1411.

R. RUTHERFORD—"Black Tie and Sneakers" event at the Meadowsland at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-824-3713, ext. 213.

NEW YORK—Michael Wofford Trio at J&R Music World. Call 718-522-7171.

OCTOBER 17, 20
PISCATAWAY—Auditions for "Dancing in the End Zone" at the Circle Playhouse at 7:30 p.m. Call 908-868-7555.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
NEW YORK—"Jazz on Film" at Lincoln Center at 7 and 9 p.m. For more info call 212-721-6500.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
SAVERVILLE—Angela Boffi to appear at Club Bena at 9 p.m. For more info call 908-727-3000.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27
NEW YORK—Second annual Hublan & Latino Beauty Show "Hot Hair Styles of Salsa & Soul" at the Motown Cafe at 9:30 a.m. For more info call 212-757-7589.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
MONTCLAIR—Trio Puentes Latin Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. at the Montclair State University. For more info call 201-655-5112.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
NEW BRUNSWICK—"Tee for Two: A Victorian Garden Fair" a full section and tea to benefit the New Brunswick Theater at 4 p.m. at the Hayt Regency. For more info call 908-446-2895.

NOVEMBER 10 - 19
NEWARK—"Fifth Annual Newark Jazz Festival." For more info or to be on the mailing list call 201-643-3605.

Courthouse airs on CBS on Wednesdays

Courthouse, a new one-hour drama from Columbia Pictures Television, airing Wednesdays at 10 p.m. ET/PT on CBS, offers a compelling look at the whirlwind of behind-the-scenes activity taking place both inside and out of the courtroom. Offering the perspective of the judges and the attorneys that work with them, *Courthouse* is unique in its depiction of the inner workings of the judicial system, and its take on the human emotions—ambition, greed, and passion—that influence life and death decisions.

Running the frenzied courthouse where ambition and ethics collide is the tough but captivating Judge Justine Parkes (Patricia Wettig). As the court's moral and administrative center, Judge Parkes spends much of her time solving departmental conflicts. It's a challenge she finds easier than handling her personal life, which is complicated by raising a teenage daughter and weekly trysts with her ex husband, Jordan.

A new addition to the courthouse, Judge Wyatt E. Jackson (Brad Johnson), has returned to the state where he attended law school in hopes of working out deep rooted conflicts he had with his now deceased father (also a judge), and to prove himself as a jurist. A man of strongly held principles who is clearly following his own vision, Jackson has yet to be contaminated by local politics.

Struggling to keep up with the chaotic pace of her career and responsibilities as a mother, Juvenile Judge Rosetta Reide's (Jennifer Lewis) life is complicated by a sometimes strained relationship with her lesbian lover. An erudite and inflexible criminal court judge, Sterling Conklin's (Bob Gunton) years on the bench



Courthouse cast (clockwise from l.) Judge Homer Conklin (Bob Gunton); Judge Wyatt Jackson (Brad Johnson); Edson Moore (Jeffery Sams); Judge Myron Winkelman (Michael Lerner); Lenore Laderman (Annabeth Gish); Suzanne Graham (Robin Givens); Judge Justine Parkes (Patricia Wettig); and Judge Rosetta Reide (Jennifer Lewis). Not pictured: Veronica Gilbert (Nia Peeples).

have turned him into a cynic who jolly view crime in black and white. A brilliant, good-hearted, yet adorably repressed family law judge, Myron Winkelman (Michael Lerner) suffers from the notion that he has not lived up to his mother's expectations. As a member of the Public Defender's office, Veronica Gilbert (Nia Peeples) is a constant presence in the courthouse, who fights each case from her heart and fiercely protects the notion of innocent until proven guilty.

A highly ambitious young prosecutor for the District Attorney's Office, Edson Moore (Jeffery D. Sams) views his job as the ticket to a high paying position at a top law firm.

As passionate about Edison as

she is about her job, Suzanne Graham (Robin Givens) is an assertive and capable prosecutorial investigator, who works closely with him in addition to sharing his life outside of the courthouse.

Also a member of the District Attorney's Office, Lenore Laderman (Annabeth Gish) comes from a wealthy and politically well-connected family, but her sheltered upbringing may prove a hindrance to her in facing the harsh realities presented by the tough sex crimes unit than she expected.

Together on *Courthouse*, these women and men of the American judicial system reveal the passion and fury that explodes when the brightest legal minds meet to argue the fate of the innocent and guilty.

Woodson Foundation co-hosts fundraiser

NEWARK—In celebration of National Arts & Humanities Month, The City of East Orange, The East Orange Sister City Committee, The Carter G. Woodson Foundation, and Aljira, A Center for Contemporary Arts will host a Reading and Reception Fund-raiser for director, producer and filmmaker, Kabu Okai Davies on Sunday, October 22.

The fund-raiser is scheduled to run from 3 to 5 p.m. at Aljira Center on Washington Place in Newark. Music will be provided by Steve Colson featuring vocalists Sheila Stopp.

Kabu Okai Davies is a Chadian filmmaker who has resided in Newark for the past seven years. He has taught courses in Creative Writing, African Cinema/Theater and Play writing at Drew University, Seton Hall University and the Montclair Adult School. He recently served as the New Jersey Coordinator for Haile Gerima's film, *Sankofa*. He is currently an adjunct lecturer on African Cinema at The New School for Social Research. Mr. Okai Davies is the owner of African Globe Filmworks.

This summer, African Globe Filmworks embarked on a major project to produce its first feature-length film for national and international distribution. An original play, in *Another Man's Name* was produced some years ago at Newark Symphony Hall to popular acclaim, and has more recently been adapted for the screen. In *Another Man's Name* deals with the relationship between an African immigrant and his African American girlfriend.

The play is set against the exciting, social night life of Orange, East Orange and Newark, and explores the difficulties and challenges that face many African immigrants in their attempt to gain access to the American dream. At the same time, they must battle the stereotypes and prejudices that fed on the fears of Americans about foreigners, especially "illegal aliens" or African descent. For more information, contact The Woodson Foundation at 201-242-0500.

Benefit for Blues Heaven Foundation honors Willie Dixon

LOS ANGELES—The late Willie Dixon, the first name in blues song writing and a major influence on rock 'n' roll, will be remembered in concert on Thursday, October 24, at the Palace, in Hollywood.

The "Wang Dang Doodle" will feature some of the biggest and most respected names in blues and rock including: Arthur Adams, Becky Barksdale, Solomon Burke, Jeanine

Holliday, Keb Mo, Robert Jr. Lockwood, Cash McCall, Jimmy Ripp and Paul Rodgers, and more.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Blues Heaven Foundation, an organization founded by Dixon in 1979, devoted to preserving the American blues tradition through blues education in the schools, career development, health care and royalty recovery.

The Blues Heaven Foundation has acquired the landmark Chess Records building on Michigan Ave. in Chicago, which, after its renovation, will serve as its national headquarters.

Since Dixon's death in 1992, his widow Marie Dixon and daughter Shirley Dixon have worked to advance his goal of an organization devoted to the preservation of the blues.

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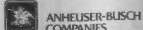
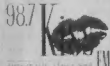
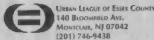
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BUSINESS

Shareholders approve merger of two banking companies

BUSINESS CALENDAR

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FAIRFIELD—Computer Competence Seminars & Data Quest Systems. For more info call 201-882-8723.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
CHEERY HILL—Wages, Hours & Pay Seminars for personnel and payroll managers at the Hilton Hotel. For more info call 609-665-6666.

PARISIPANY—AMA's Interactive Training Workshops held at the Parsippany Corporate Center. For more info call 1-800-621-3919.

TRENTON—Loan Alternatives session at KCCC, James Kerner Campus, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more info call Lorraine Patrick Allen at 609-595-4000, #588 or fax 609-594-8167.

SOMERSET COUNTY—What Businesses Need to Know About Planning and Zoning Somerset County Chamber of Commerce's membership luncheon from 8 to 10:30 a.m. For more info call 908-725-1552.

OCTOBER 11-13
CHICAGO—Effective Executive Speaking session at the AMA Management Center. For more info call 1-800-252-9699.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
TRENTON—Mayor's Small Business Network Event at City Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. For more info call Jill Hallie Edwards at 609-989-3509 or fax 609-989-4243.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
JERSEY CITY—"How to Finance a College Education Without Going Broke" seminar at Jersey City State College from 10 to 11 a.m. For more info call 201-200-3089.

OCTOBER 15-18
LAS VEGAS—World Gaming Congress and Expo at the Las Vegas Convention Center. For more info call 212-594-4120.

OCTOBER 18-19
ATLANTA—Effective Executive Speaking session at the AMA Management Center. For more info call 1-800-252-9699.

OCTOBER 19-20
HACKENSACK—Training for Trades and Technology nine-week course at Bergen County Technical Schools. For more info call 201-343-6000, ext. 2293.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17
NEW YORK—Third Annual Minority One-Day Business Seminar at the American Express Tower, World Financial Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 1-800-666-1775.

NEW YORK—New York's Minority Business Breakfast for small/minority women entrepreneurs at the St. Mark's Vanda Restaurant at 9 a.m. For more info call 212-264-1234.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18
PLAINFIELD—Are You An Entrepreneur? course at the Community Education Center from 6 to 9 p.m. For more info call Dorothy Pollard at 908-756-5000.

OCTOBER 18, 19
NEWARK—Sixth Annual Export Matchmaker '95 Trade Fair & Conference at the Radisson Hotel. For more info call 201-242-6237, ext. 223 or fax 201-824-6587.

NEW YORK—Strategic Researcher Institute's 1995 forum on Minority & Women-Owned Securities Firm at the Warwick Hotel. For more info call 1-800-599-4950.

OCTOBER 18-20
CHICAGO—Enhancing Your Presentation Skills: A Seminar for Sales Professionals session at the AMA Management Center. For more info call 1-800-252-9699.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
MOUNTAINIDE—NJABWO's Fifth Annual Business-to-Business Open House & Expo at L'Aulaire from 8 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 908-688-0707.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20
NEWARK—Effective Public Relations at Kean College SBOC Workshop. For more info call 201-527-2945.

NEW YORK—1-Power Seminar at the McGraw Hill Building at 10 a.m. For more info call 1-800-622-6424.

NEWARK—Shareholders of First Fidelity Bancorporation (NYSE: FFB) of Newark and Philadelphia, and First Union Corporation (NYSE: FTU) of Charlotte, NC have approved the proposed merger of the two banking companies.

The new combined company—which will operate under the First Union name starting in mid 1996—will be the nation's sixth largest banking company based on estimated assets of \$126 billion. The new company will operate the nation's largest network of bank branches—nearly 2,000—serving 11 million customers in 12 Eastern states from Florida to Connecticut, as well as Washington, DC.

The merger, announced June 19, of this year, is expected to be completed around January 1, 1996, pending approval by the Federal Reserve Board and other conditions of closing.

First Union shareholders met in Charlotte where 89 percent of the First Union shares cast were in favor of the merger. First Fidelity shareholders met in Philadelphia where 99 percent of the First Fidelity shares cast were in favor of the merger.

Edward E. Crutchfield, First Union's chairman and chief executive officer, said the respective shareholder votes "two major and positive steps toward creation of an innovative and dynamic financial services leader. Today's votes represent a strong endorsement of the proposed merger by the shareholders of both companies," Crutchfield said.

Tony Terraciano, First Fidelity's chairman and chief executive officer, remarked, "We are extremely pleased with the outcome of today's voting and we look forward to joining these two companies into a single entity that will become an Eastern U.S. banking power house."

Crutchfield will remain chairman and CEO of First Union Corporation while Terraciano will be senior president of the combined company.

The new combined company will serve a region that includes 35 percent of the U.S. population and four of the nation's five highest personal income areas. The existing market served by First Fidelity contains the greatest concentration of middlemarket companies in the United States.

According to Crutchfield, after the merger First Union will greatly

expand the variety of financial services previously available at First Fidelity branches. In addition to traditional banking products such as savings and checking accounts, certificates of deposit and consumer loans, First Union also has developed an extensive array of financial planning and investment services including cash management accounts for consumers and businesses, tax deferred annuities, and a proprietary family of mutual funds called the Evergreen Funds.

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Jacobs Enterprise, Inc.
Ask for: **George J. Joss or Ray Kunz**
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Persons having questions regarding other matters in the Upsala Bankruptcy Case, pending in the Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, Case No. 95-2494, should contact: **Charles M. Forman, Trustee for Upsala College**, at (201) 262-1000.

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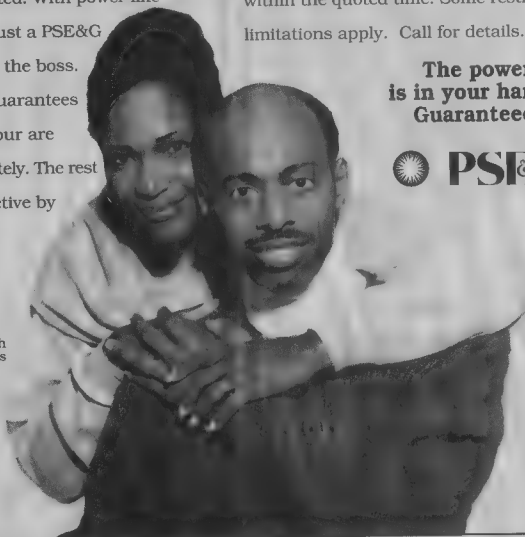
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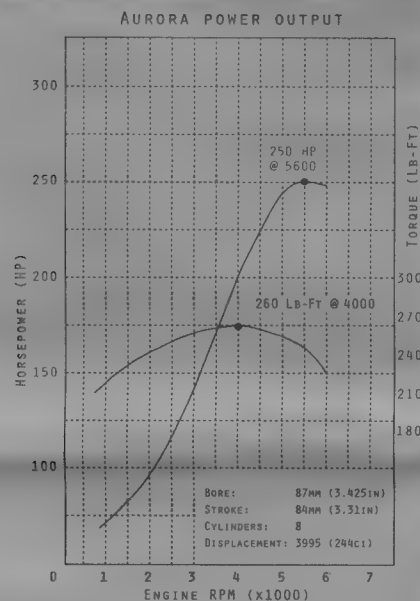
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Charting the Changes

Each October, the editors of *Car and Driver* bring readers an overview of the new domestic vehicles. They do so with their own brand of insight and expertise combined with irreverence and pointed commentary. The result is a look at what's new and what's good, written by persons who know what they're writing about.

BUICK

SKYLARK—Major restyling axes the square rear-wheel openings, extraneous side molding, and pointy grille. New is a 150-hp 2.4-liter version of last year's 2.3-liter Quad 4. The bigger engine is quieter and has a broader torque band, but it leaves an aftertaste of the noisy Quad 4. The three-speed auto is exchanged for a four-speed electronically controlled unit, also available with the 3.1-liter V-6.

CENTURY—The Energizer Bunny

sedan is still around. "There's a new one on its way," promises Buick honcho Ed Mertz.

REGAL—The Series II 3.8-liter V-6 raises optional power from 170 to 205 hp.

LeSABRE—The naturally aspirated 3.8-liter V-6 now revs to 6000 rpm. Ever seen a LeSabre driver rev anything to 6000?

ROADMASTER—It's the last year for the huge sedan and wagon, so a "Collector's Edition" hood ornament graces the line. Really. (Buick found the

tooling for a 1985 LeSabre Classic "Collector's Edition" ornament in a warehouse.)

PARK AVENUE—With the new Series II supercharged engine, Buick claims the big Park gets to 60 mph in eight seconds. The new powerplant is standard on the Ultra model, which also gets the magnetic variable-effort steering gear of the Riviera and Olds Aurora.

RIVIERA—Popular choice among yacht-club members, the Riviera (which was all-new for 1995) now gets the

Series II version of the supercharged 3.8-liter V-6 engine and turns into a 240-hp screamer.

CADILLAC

DE VILLE/CONCOURS—The Northstar system is now installed on the high-volume De Ville, and the uplevel Concours gets the 300-hp top-drawer Northstar motor also available in the ETC and STS. The whitewalled De Ville now runs like a rocket for this class.



The new high-performance Camaro Z28 SS from Chevrolet boasts stout acceleration numbers: 0 to 60 mph in 5.3 seconds, and the standing quarter-mile in 13.7 seconds.

FLEETWOOD—This is the last year for the longest regular car made in America, though Cadillac's stockpiling a couple thousand of these Texas-produced behemoths to sell to limo and hearse builders. Hood-mounted longhorns never made it to the factory option list, however.

ELDORADO—New interior includes hidden airbag panel seams on the passenger side and stereos that look like Lexus copies.

SEVILLE—Ditto the Eldo's interior enhancements.

CHEVROLET

CAVALIER—The new convertible and Z24 sporty models have been available since summer, and the Z24's new DOHC 2.4-liter four-cylinder is optional in the convertible and uplevel LS sedan models. Base models can get an optional four-speed automatic with traction control. Daytime running lights are scheduled to be standard on all of Chevy's passenger cars and light trucks by 1997.

BERETTA/CORSICA—This is the last year for this budget rental favorite. Revived "Malibu" badges are expected to adorn a replacement model's larger flanks.

LUMINA—Built-in child seats are added to the options list, as are separate driver- and passenger-side climate controls—a rare feature in this price class. The Monte Carlo two-door model, which went on sale early in 1995, gets radio controls on its steering wheel.

CAMARO—The SS nameplate is revived with an option package from SLP, Inc., the outfit that made the Firebird Formula Firehawk for Pontiac. The Z28 SS package adds 15 hp from a "ram-air" intake system and includes suspension tuning. The base Z28 model's LT1 engine gets a 10-hp boost to 285 hp. An RS package puts V-6 buyers in a Z28 look-alike. The late-1995 addition of a 200-hp 3.8-liter V-6 means the RS will run with some big dogs, too.

CAPRICE—Cops nationwide are mourning because this is the Caprice's last year. The high-performance Impala SS model gets a floor-mounted shifter for its automatic transmission.

CORVETTE—Manual-transmission cars get the new LT4 engine making 330 hp—30 hp more than the base LT1. A retrospective paint scheme makes it easy to spot the new Grand Sport model. Its trimmings, which include a red-leather interior, are meant to evoke feelings for the similarly decorated Duntov/Penske racers of 1962 and 1963. A stiffer-riding Z51 package is meant for showroom-stock racing.

LUMINA MINIVAN—For 1997, the Venture will replace this plastic-bodied people-mover, which has barely made a dent in the Chrysler and Ford minivan sales booms. The only available engine is a 3.4-liter V-6 based on last year's 3.1-liter. It makes 180 hp, 10 hp more than last year's optional 3.8-liter V-6.

ASTRO—New sheetmetal, but the big



Buick's svelte Riviera aims at the yacht-club set with a 240-horsepower supercharged V-6.



The 1996 Cadillac De Ville, now with the Northstar V-8, stands out from the luxury crowd.



Chevrolet's big-selling Cavalier line gets a convertible and a sporty Z24 model for 1996.



It may look like a third door to you, but General Motors calls it a "side-access panel."

news is the car-like dashboard and center console. The 4.3-liter Vortec engine gets structural improvements and new cylinder heads. Still rated at 190 hp, it feels stronger in acceleration despite offering 10 pound-feet less torque.

BLAZER—Daytime running lamps are standard, and the 4.3-liter V-6 gets the same enhancements as in the Astro. Full-time four-wheel drive was added midway through 1995; it's the same system that's on the Olds Bravada and AWD Astro.

S10—A third small access door on extended-cab models will be available later in 1996 behind the driver's door, primarily so commuters can stow baggage behind the seats. The "easy-access" system also accommodates a custom wheelchair hoist from Bruno, a leading lift-maker. The base 4.3-liter V-6 gets a 25-hp boost to 180; the high-output version makes 190 hp. The extended-cab pickup also gets the ZR2 off-road package introduced on regular cab-models last year. Later in 1996, a Sportside model will be available featuring a cargo box with fenders.

C/K 1500 PICKUP—The big pickup will get a handy third door behind the passenger-side front door. It is a movable B-pillar system, and opens suicide-style (that's just a historical term for rear-hinged). Chevy says it's on the passenger side because the company expects to sell the feature to pickup buyers who transport lots of people. A Bruno lift is also available in this truck, too. A new fuel-injection system called SCPI and redesigned intake runners and combustion chambers increase power and fuel economy in all engines. The 4.3-liter gains 40 hp for 200 total, the 5.0-liter adds 45 hp for 220 total, the 5.7-liter V-8 gets a 50-hp increase to 250, and the 7.4-liter gets a 60-hp boost to 290 hp. Daytime running lights appear here, too, as do optional leather seats. Light-duty four-wheel-drive models are available with an electric switch replacing the transfer-case shift lever.

TAHOE—The three-door model is available with two-wheel drive, and quieter-riding tires adorn all Tahoe wheels. The standard 5.7-liter V-8 gets the same 50-hp boost of the C/K pickup. Yep, Tahoe gets daytime running lights, too.

SUBURBAN—Same power enhancements as the pickups, plus daytime running lights—as if other drivers will ever fail to see this monster wagon.

EXPRESS/VAN—A new full-size van replaces the Chevy van introduced in 1970. The new van is available in 135-inch and 155-inch wheelbases, and the Express passenger model will carry up to 15 people. The rear doors of the van will open 165 degrees, so you can back the floor up to a loading dock. The vans have the 4.3-liter V-6 of the Astro, and three V-8s displacing 5.0, 5.7, and 7.4 liters. Power outputs rise between 45 and 60 hp on all three. The available 6.5-liter turbodiesel V-8 adds 30 hp for 190 total.

GEO

METRO—New last year, all it gets is daytime lights.

PRIZM—The California-built Corolla clone is unchanged but for those daytime headlights.

TRACKER—The hot-selling five-door available in Suzuki stores for the past three years is now built in Canada and badged a Geo Tracker. Dual airbags, a rear high-mounted stoplight, and daytime running lamps are added.

GMC

SAFARI—Same changes made to Chevy's Astro.

JIMMY—Midway through 1995, the Jimmy three-door got the Highrider off-road package of the Sonoma pickup, and a five-speed manual transmission was offered. The full-time 4wd system first seen on the Syclone and Typhoon was also added in 1995. Jimmy engines get the same enhancements as the Chevy Blazer's—and those daytime running lights, too.

SONOMA—The same "side-access panel" door available on Chevy's S10 is an option on extended-cab Sonomas. A new Sport suspension is available on the street models, and it lowers the truck two inches and adds wider tires and quicker steering. A stepside six-foot bed is available on all models except the Highrider off-roader. The shifter for manual-transmission models is moved about five inches rearward.

SIERRA—The extra side door on the passenger side is available on extended-cab models, and the V-8 engines are made stronger as detailed in the Chevy C/K.

YUKON—Like the Chevy Tahoe, the 5.7-liter V-8 gets a 50-hp bump to 250 hp. The three-door wagon is available now with rear drive; the five-door has been on sale since spring. An electric-switch transfer case is available and eliminates the floor-mounted transfer-case shift lever. Daytime running lights are added, too.

SUBURBAN—The engines get the upgrades of the Chevy version, and quieter-riding tires now come with the 4wd models. These wagons all run with their lights on, too.


SAVANA—This full-size van replaces the Rally and Vandura. It's a clone of the new Chevy Express.

OLDSMOBILE

ACHIEVA—The symphony that was the sound of the Achieva's Quad 4 engine has been pared down to a whine and a whistle. The base engine is now a 150-hp DOHC 2.4-liter four, with more torque than the older Quad 4. The suspension is retuned to transmit less noise to the car. "I don't think we started off [in 1992] with a good first impression with this car," says chief engineer Gary White.

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carries on unchanged, but drops the Cutlass pre-nom. Note to Harvard business school undergrads: Olds sells more than 50,000 Cieras every year with negligible advertising.

CUTLASS SUPREME—Dual airbags are standard with a restyled instrument panel, and the door-mounted shoulder belts have been moved to the B-pillars. The suspension is retuned for less body roll, and standard on uplevel 3.4-liter twin-cam models is an electrically variable steering-assist system designed to increase road feel. Unfortunately, the well-sorted-out convertible model was built only until February, when the plant was closed for conversion for other GM production.

EIGHTY EIGHT/LSS—The sporty LSS model picks up the supercharged 240-hp 3.8-liter V-6 standard. All models have been restyled. The LSS seats will be familiar to Aurora owners, and the whole concept is based on the "Olds Hammer" show car of '94. The less-expensive LS model gets one-inch smaller versions of the LSS's wheels, which are five-spoke versions of the Aurora wheel design.

NINETY EIGHT—Same supercharged engine as the Eighty Eight. It's the last year for the Ninety Eight, so only Buick and Cadillac will offer huge traditional cars next year.

AURORA—The suspension was retuned to reduce a floating sensation and impact harshness and to tighten up the steering. The torque-converter lockup now uses the viscous mechanism you find on all Cadillacs. The rear window was recurved to reduce distortion when you look out of it, and the cupholders have been made deeper so your Evian won't spill.

SILHOUETTE—The 3.1- and 3.8-liter V-6s are dropped, to make way for a new 180-hp 3.4-liter V-6 and four-speed automatic standard. An all-new version appears next year.

BRAVADA—The shifter is on the floor of Olds's new Bravada, a Blazer-based luxury SUV, but it shifts the transmission by cable so there's no hole on the floor. This is significant: the lack of a floor-mounted transfer-case lever meant the previous Bravada had no hole, and driveline noise was therefore blocked from entering the cockpit. The new one provides the same low noise level. Itty-bitty foglights, a wide-open grille, and visible front tow hooks distinguish the Bravada from Blazers and Jimmys. The doorhandle surround was changed from shiny to grainy "to reduce the negative impact made by fingernails," says a very detail-oriented Bill Davis of Olds's design center. Fully 60 percent of Bravadas are titled to women, says Olds.

PONTIAC

SUNFIRE—The corporate "Twin Cam" 2.4-liter four replaces the optional 2.3-liter Quad 4, and a four-speed automatic transmission is optional on all models.

Daytime lights are added.

GRAND AM—A passenger-side airbag is the most noticeable addition, but a more legible panel is new, too.

GRAND PRIX—All two-door models get a package that includes five-spoke alloy wheels, monochrome paint, sporty tailpipes, and plastic body trim. The optional DOHC 3.4-liter V-6 gains 5 hp with intake and exhaust improvements.

BONNEVILLE—The front and rear fascias, rear spoiler, head- and taillights, and body molding are slightly restyled, but the big news is a magnetic variable-effort steering system, like that on the Olds Aurora. The SLE and SSEi models can be had with the latest supercharged 3.8-liter V-6, which makes 240 hp, up 15 hp from last year.

FIREBIRD—Like the Camaro, the base car gets the 200-hp 3.8-liter V-6, and the LT1 V-8 gets a 10-hp boost to 285. Introduced earlier this year is the ram-air WS6 package that raises V-8 output to 305 hp, plus 17-inch Z-rated tires, tauter suspension, and aluminum tailpipes.

TRANS SPORT—Like the Lumina minivan and Olds Silhouette, the plastic people mover gets a 180-hp base engine.

SATURN

SEDAN—New skin, fascias, glass, lights, and optional spoiler bring a more modern look. The new body—a combination of steel and plastic panels—is built on the same steel spaceframe of older Saturns, and it offers improved aerodynamics, along with daytime running lights and a new removable roof rack. The sedans, SL1 and SL2, now meet '97 side-impact standards. They also have longer rear-door openings. The two engines get sequential port fuel injection.

COUPE—Like the new-look sedans and wagons, the carry-over coupes get the sequential port fuel injection. Traction control is now available on manual-transmission cars equipped with anti-lock brakes, and the base coupe gets a 15-inch tire option.

WAGON—The wagon has the new rounder styling in the same two models, SW1 and SW2; a higher roofline brings more headroom. Door openings are also taller, and new side beams mean the wagons meet the '97 side-impact standards. Daytime running lamps show up here, too. The wagons also get the same engine refinements as the other '96 Saturns.

FORD

ASPIRE—No major changes to this small Korean-built car.

ESCORT—An integrated child seat is optional, as is a "sport appearance" package with aluminum wheels.

CONTOUR—More rear legroom comes from scooping out the front seatbacks.

PROBE—The suspension on the GT model is made smoother-riding, and the



The sporty Oldsmobile LSS sedan has a 240-hp 3.8-liter V-6 as its standard engine.



Saturn's 1996 sedan and wagon get a new exterior, resulting in a more modern look.



Ford's popular Explorer will lose no friends with its new 210-hp V-8 engine option.



The Ford Taurus, the country's best-selling car, is new from the ground up for 1996.

seats get richer-looking fabric.

MUSTANG—Two new V-8 engines, an SOHC making 215 hp and a DOHC making 305 hp, grace the GT and Cobra. The \$25,310 Cobra gets the stronger engine, larger brakes, a limited-slip differential, and hood scoops; it's available from a limited number of dealers. About 2000 Cobras will wear "mystic" paint, a light-refracting coating that alternately appears green, amber, gold, and purple. The \$18,750 GT comes standard with the SOHC engine and one-inch-smaller wheels than the Cobra. The base coupe and convertible gain 5 hp in the standard 3.8-liter V-6, for 150 hp total. All Mustangs get a new front crossmember and improved front suspension geometry.

TAURUS—The all-new sedan is 5.4 inches longer than before, but looks smaller with rounder bodywork and an oval rear window. The base GL model gets a 145-hp 3.0-liter pushrod V-6, a revised version of the 140-hp Vulcan engine currently available. The uplevel LX gets a 200-hp DOHC 3.0-liter V-6 derived from the 2.5-liter in the Contour. The new car has a stiffer body structure and more glass area, especially in the windshield. Sci-fi fans will like the oval-shaped climate-control and radio pod on the dash. A new Taurus SHO follows in spring with a 225-hp 32-valve 3.4-liter V-8, a firmer suspension, and wider tires; four-speed automatic is the only transmission.

THUNDERBIRD—The bird's beak gets a redo, and the supercharged SC is dropped. The base V-6 gets 5 hp more.

CROWN VICTORIA—This surviving rear-driver may become the next cop favorite. It gets a new two-spoke steering wheel.

WINDSTAR—The 3.8-liter V-6 engine standard on the uplevel LX and optional on the GL gets a power increase of 45 hp for 200 total. The final-drive ratio is higher, too. Traction control is a new option, with four-wheel disc brakes, on 3.8-liter models.

AEROSTAR—An electronically shifting four-speed automatic is standard.

EXPLORER—A V-8 engine is added, a 210-hp version of the old 4.9-liter Mustang engine; it's available in rear-drive uplevel XLT models, but is expected also for four-wheel-drivers in 1996. An integrated child seat is also added to five-doors.

RANGER—An optional passenger-side airbag is available.

F-SERIES—Stronger front hubs on four-wheel-drive models.

BRONCO—Turn signals are built into the side mirrors.

CLUB WAGON—No Eddie Bauer version is yet available.

LINCOLN

CONTINENTAL—The new Continental with a DOHC 4.6-liter V-8 was introduced in spring. A slick "panic button" system uses GPS satellites and a cellular phone to summon help in emergencies. Added to this anti-terrorism equipment are run-flat tires.

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edition gets embroidery on its leather seats. **MARK VIII**—The LSC has been resurrected, with a 290-hp version of the Mark VIII's standard 280-hp V-8.



Ford has boosted Windstar performance by adding a 200-hp V-6 engine to the line.

MERCURY

TRACER—See Ford Escort.

MYSTIQUE—See Ford Contour.

COUGAR XR7—The standard 3.8-liter V-6 gets a 5-hp boost to 145, and the nose and tail have been slightly restyled.

SABLE—The new Sable sedan is 199.7 inches long, 7.5 inches longer than before. The Sable wagon is about a half-inch shorter than the sedan. The base GS sedan gets a 145-hp version of the familiar Vulcan (no relation to Leonard Nimoy) V-6, and the LS gets a 200-hp DOHC 3.0-liter V-6.

GRAND MARQUIS—Last year's head restraints remain exclusive of a de Sade trim package. New colors and a new steering wheel mark the '96s.

VILLAGER—The nose and the tail are restyled, a passenger airbag is added, and built-in child seats are optional.

MOUNTAINEER—This V-8 version of the four-door Ford Explorer is expected to be introduced in the first half of 1996.

CHRYSLER

CIRRUS—The 150-hp DOHC 2.4-liter four-cylinder of the lower-priced Dodge Stratus is now available in Chrysler's version of this sedan. A garage door opener is also standard, and at mid-year a power sunroof will be available.

SEBRING—Built on the Mitsubishi Galant platform by Diamond-Star in Illinois, the Sebring two-door was introduced early in 1995. The JXi convertible, added this year for around \$23,000, shares the same name but is built instead on the Chrysler Cirrus platform. The coupe's optional 2.5-liter V-6 is the JXi convertible's standard engine, mated to a four-speed automatic. No manuals here. The garage opener system is also available.

CONCORDE—Greenies in California, New York, Massachusetts, and Maine can get a TLEV engine—transitional low-emissions vehicle. A monochrome paint scheme is also available.

NEW YORKER/LHS—The garage opener and radio antenna are now built-in on both models. The New Yorker name, in



The 1996 Chrysler Town & Country LX minivan is aimed at luxury-car buyers.

use since 1939, passes into the history books on September 29. The name lives on for the European export market, however, and the bench seat continues as an option in the LHS.

TOWN & COUNTRY—Three models of this new minivan are available: a base and an LXi that are 199.7 inches long (nearly seven inches longer than last year), plus an LX that is 13 inches shorter than the others. The two engines are a new 158-horsepower 3.3-liter V-6 and a 166-hp 3.8-liter V-6. The Chrysler minivans are completely redesigned this year, with a new strut front suspension, better aerodynamics, lower door and rear hatch sills, concealed sliding-door tracks, and an optional driver's-side second sliding door. Seat and cargo space is greater, and the rear seats have rollers for easier removal. The luxu Town & Country has dual climate controls and eight-way power leather seats with memory.

DODGE

NEON—Just because there's a new Espresso monochrome model with a "Flash decor interior," as Chrysler puts it, don't think it was inspired by those spoiled Generation Xers: median age of Neon buyers is 38. Power steering, a front anti-roll bar, and fourteen-inch wheels are all made standard on base models, and Highline versions get optional power sunroofs. The Sport model was given a lower base price because the anti-lock brakes, alloy wheels, and rear spoiler are all optional. Also, the more powerful DOHC motor, previously available only on the two-door, can now be had on the four-door Sport. All Neons get a larger fuel tank, up from 11.2 to 12.5 gallons, and rear discs are available on the base models.

STRATUS—A power sunroof is coming mid-year, and the torque converter on the V-6 drivetrain has a lowered stall speed for smoother part-throttle performance.

AVENGER—Introduced with the Sebring, but no convertible is available.

INTREPID—See Chrysler Concorde.

STEALTH—The newly added rear spoiler is smaller.

VIPER RT/10—Changes in the suspension geometry temper some of the headstrong unpredictability of this roadster. The tires get stiffer sidewalls, the spring rates are

lower, and there's less unsprung weight in the control arms. Skidpad performance is claimed to be an F1-like 1.05 g. Available in only three brazen paint schemes, the Viper also gets a more weathertight top. The flimsy "toupe" covering the interior is no longer available. The side exhausts are replaced by the European-restriction-inspired dual rear exhaust system, so the sound of the exhaust is more V-10 than double in-line five. With better intake breathing, the V-10 makes 15 hp more, for 415 total. In October, the Viper GTS coupe will bow at the Frankfurt show, in blue with white stripes.

CARAVAN—The new version of the best-selling minivan is more aerodynamic and has an optional driver's-side rear sliding door. The different models range from a base 15-and-a-half-footer to a Grand Caravan that's 13 inches longer. There are four engines, matched to either three- or four-speed automatic transmissions. The base engine (in short versions only) is a 150-hp DOHC 2.4-liter four-cylinder. An SOHC 3.0-liter V-6 also making 150 hp is standard in the longer models. Caravans with more equipment get a choice of the two bigger V-6s. A short Sport model—exclusive to Dodge—has a firmer suspension and more aggressive tires. ABS is standard on all models. Four-wheel drive is optional on Grand Caravans.

RAM—Power for the diesel option is up 40 hp to 215.

DAKOTA—Power for the base engine goes up 21 hp to 120.

RAM WAGON—No major changes.



The Eagle Vision from Chrysler Corporation gets a new "Autostick" transmission.

EAGLE

SUMMIT—The slick little mountain-bike-swallowing Summit Wagon disappears next year. The Mitsubishi-built sedan continues as a spunky but lower-powered Neon competitor.

TALON—The Illinois-built coupe gets side-impact door beams.

VISION—The Vision TSi gets an automatic/manual transmission called "Autostick." Chrome wheels are in fashion on the uplevel TSi.

JEEP

WRANGLER—An all-new model of the MacArthur favorite will come after the first

of the year, sporting coil springs, detachable anti-roll bars, and round headlights.

CHEROKEE—1996 will be the last year for the 12-year-old wagon that started the whole five-door SUV craze. The base engine loses 5 horsepower, to 125 horsepower, but gains a beefier torque curve. An all-new model will replace the Cherokee next year to keep fans and Toledo line workers happy.



The Jeep Grand Cherokee has an all-new interior that incorporates dual airbags.

GRAND CHEROKEE—A facelift promising more airflow to the engine compartment smooths the look of the front end. There's an all-new interior with dual airbags. The remote door-lock system is changed from infrared to radio-operated, and a new wiring harness takes advantage of multiplexed signals to reduce the amount of wire needed. The instrument panel is stiffer, as are the A-pillars, to reduce vibrations. The 4.0-liter six also gets the quiet treatment. The optional full-time Quadra-Trac four-wheel-drive system gets a viscous center differential but retains its low-range with a lock, for real off-roaders. A limited-slip rear differential is available. The basic Command-Trac part-time 4wd system was canceled. Optional is a seat heater, stereo controls on the steering wheel, and the three-way garage door opener.

PLYMOUTH

NEON—See Dodge Neon.

BREEZE—In the first quarter of 1996, the Plymouth version of the Cirrus and Stratus—no, really—will be available with limited options and for a lower price. All Breezes come with a 16-valve SOHC 2.0-liter four-cylinder mated to either a four- or a five-speed automatic.

VOYAGER—See Dodge Caravan.

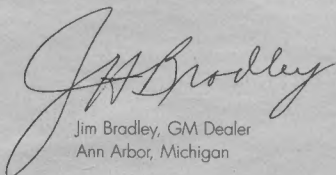
AM GENERAL

HUMMER—After successful runs in Baja, the Desert Storm wagon is on its way to the desert again: this time by privateers in the famed Paris-Dakar rally-raid in January. Let's root for the home team. We expect AM General to add the latest GM 6.5-liter turbodiesel to the Hummer's engine lineup for 1996, but the company won't release information until later this fall.

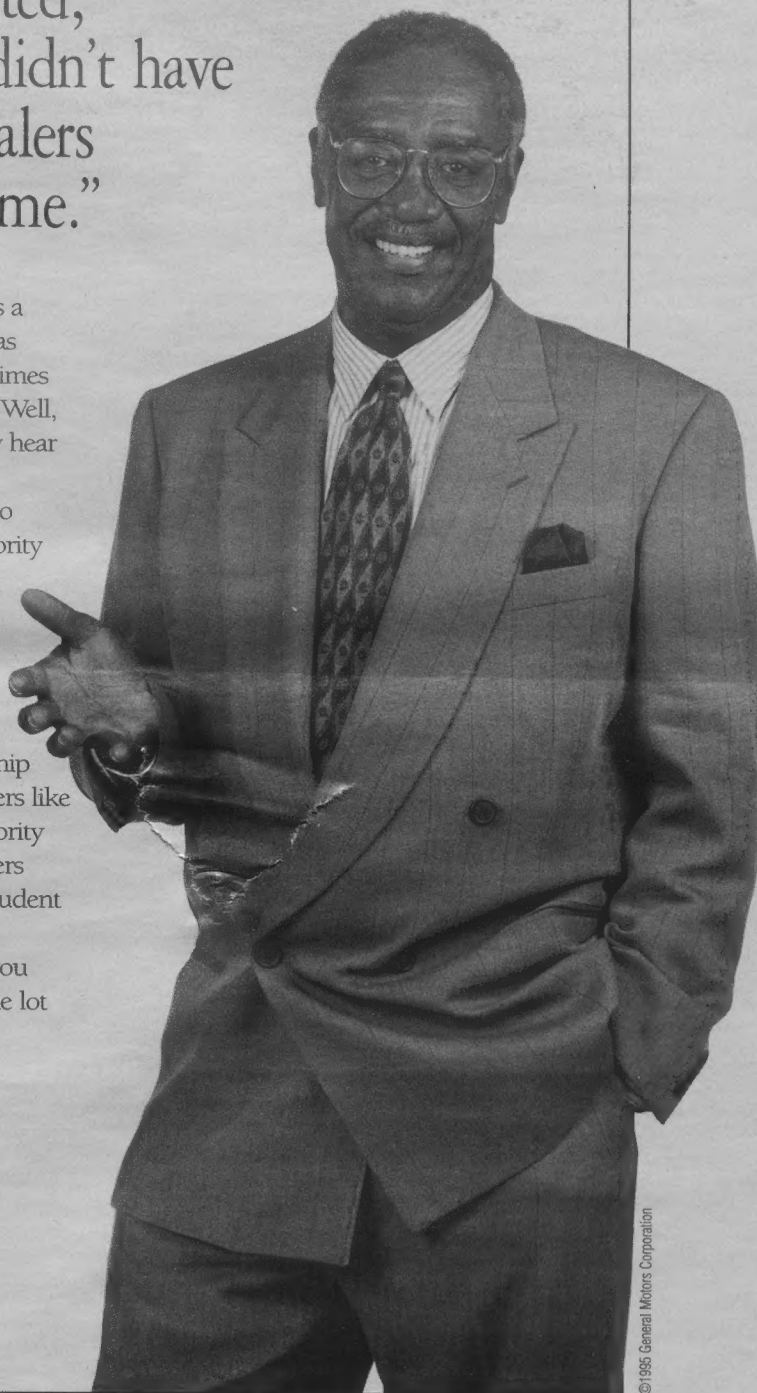
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